(b) and (c) The Dunkel proposals are still in the process of being examined and Governent stand in respect of these proposals has not yet been finalised.

2268. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1992*].

2269. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1992*].

Financial crisis in single super phosphate units

2270. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that single super phosphate (SSP) units in the country are reeling under financial crisis and it is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Single Superphosphate manufacturing units have indicated the following main problems faced by them:

(i) Liquidity problems caused by inadequate/delayed payment of subsidy;

(ii) Imposition of ceiling on subsidy; and

(iii) Delay in compensating them for steep escalation in the cost of various inputs.

(c) Every effort is being made to expedite payment of their subsidy bills upto February, 1992. The ceiling on subsidy has also since been revised upwards by the Government taking into account escalation in the cost of imported inputs.

Letters of MPs and Ex-MPs on Drug Issues

2271. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 3098 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) the number of letters received by Government from each Member of Parliament and Ex-Member of Parliament after 1st January, 1991 on drug matters;

(b) what are the main issues raised in each of these letters and why these letters have neither been acknowledged nor acted upon so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that this has been done at the instance of the Development Commissioner (PI) who is working against the interest of common man;

(d) by when these letters would be disposed off;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have flouted the guidelines for disposing of such communications; and

(f) what are the guidelines in this regard and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) A number of letters have been received from members of parliament/ex-Members of Parliament during the period in question on drug issues. They related to issues like bulk drug & formulation prices, DPEA, Custom/Excise duties, loan licencing system, review of drug policy etc. As per the guidelines on dealing with references from M.P.s, they are being dealt with expeditiously except in those cases where exhaustive information is requqired to be collected and compiled.